

SPORTS

JOE TINKER, for whom the Brooklyn Superbas paid \$25,000, is now the highest priced player in the game. Marty O'Toole, of the Pirates, held this honor at \$22,500 paid for his services two years ago. Charles Comiskey gave \$18,000 for Chapelle last season, while Frits Maisel of the Yankees and Marquard of the Giants brought \$12,500.

THE awarding of the annual skating championships of the International Skating Union of America is the chief business of the meeting of that body

which takes place in New York today. The adoption of the international program of figure skating, as suggested by the Canadian association, will probably be one of the steps taken by the governing body. Secretary Louis Rubenstein of Montreal is here to attend the meeting.

"AMERICAN Lawn Tennis" ranks Anthony F. Wilding third in the list of the world's lawn tennis players. Well, some people might put the Browns ahead of the Athletics, but

they would have difficulty in remaining at large after making public their opinion.

WALTER Maraville's father can't see baseball as an occupation. He declares that the sensational Boston shortstop had all the makings of a first class tinner until the diamond called him away. "Abe" Lincoln started out to be a fairly decent sort of rail splitter, but he got the idea he'd like to run the United States. It's strange how far astray ambition will lead a man.

PACKEY McFarland, it seems, is talking of retiring from the ring. The Chicago boy can afford to all right without worrying whether the price of eggs goes up or not, but it seems to us he is doing the Battling Nelson act. And along with the news we hear that Tommy Murphy is claiming the championship because Ritchie did not meet him in their scheduled bout. Who said anything about talk?

BRIEF BITS OF SPORT.

University of Illinois basket ball players, here for the holiday vacation, defeated the Morton high school heavyweight quintet in the latter's gymnasium Saturday night.

Hull House basket ball tossers won their opening game of the season Saturday night, defeating the Waukegan collegiates, 6 to 12, in the local gymnasium. At half time Hull House was in front, 22 to 4.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 22.—Leo Houck, the clever Lancaster, Pa., middleweight, put a stop to the sensational winning streak of Joe Borrelli by defeating and almost knocking out the latter at the National A. C. Saturday night.

New York, Dec. 21.—Garry Herrmann will own a controlling interest in the Cincinnati club before the season of 1914 opens. This interesting tip came yesterday from one of the biggest men in organized baseball, one of Herrmann's closest friends and supporters.

Gilbert E. Porter was re-elected president of the Chicago Golf club at the annual meeting held Saturday night at the Midway club. The regular ticket was the same as last year, with the exception of two changes in the directors, C. L. Allen and R. H. Ripley replacing Edward F. Cary and the late John R. Gott.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Sam Langford, the negro heavyweight pugilist of Boston, was awarded the decision on points over Joe Jeannette of Hoboken, N. J., at the end of a twenty-round contest held Saturday night at Luna park. The bout was considered in France to be for the heavyweight championship of the world.

Jack Johnson "put one over" on the staid fans of Paris last Friday night when he boxed a ten-round draw with "Battling Jim" Johnson, according to information imparted by a local friend of the colored champion. It was stated that Jack Johnson's opponent was none other than his brother-in-law, Gus Rhodes, a big, strong negro with pugilistic ambitions.

PUGILISTIC NOTES.

Fred Gilmore has signed up two battles for Jack White and the brother of Welsh or Frankie Russell for eight rounds at Memphis on January 4. He will step ten rounds at Toledo on January 14 with Gus Wormer, the home boy.

Dick Woods, who threw water all over his friends at the ringside, while seconding Jack Britton in the McFarland fight at Milwaukee, has a sure lightweight champion, he says, in Ever Hammer—a good name for him, too. Richard says Mulken is going to put him on against Eddie Gordon in one of the prelims of the next Hippodrome show.

THE TIMES IS TRYING HARD TO MERIT THE SUCCESS IT HAS ACHIEVED.

WOLGAST WANTS RETURN BATTLE

White Willing, and Pair Probably Will Clash Again Next Month.

Showing no marks of his ten-round bout with Charley White and asserting he is still a contender for the honor which he lost to Willie Ritchie, Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion, passed through Chicago yesterday on his way to his home in Cadillac, Mich. Wolgast still insists he held White to a draw and he is anxious to meet the local battler in a return match. The "Bearcat" said Milwaukee promoters have approached him on the subject and he has agreed to their terms. As White already has signified a willingness to meet the former title holder again, a return bout is sure to be staged some time next month.

Although Wolgast lost the decision to White over the ten-round route, at which distance he never was at his best, his services are sought by clubs in all sections of the country. Coast promoters want him to meet Joe Rivers and Leach Cross. The German said he would be only too glad to meet either over the long route to show the public he is entitled to a return match with Ritchie.

TINKER STILL SEEKS \$10,000

Refuses to Visit Indianapolis to See Robinson of Brooklyn.

Filtered moonshine is a lot more tangible, apparently, than that \$10,000 bonus which Joe Tinker, deposed manager of the Cincinnati Reds, has had flashed in front of his eyes every time he looked at the sporting page of a newspaper recently.

Then profusely advertised meeting between C. Hercules Ebbets and the sterling shortstop did not come off in Indianapolis yesterday. The Brooklyn magnate, after visiting Garry Herrmann in Cincinnati and arranging the late deal in such fashion as to make it look as if it had been ratified instead of repudiated by the directors, returned to Long Island, according to press dispatches. He left his lieutenant, Manager Robinson, to keep the advertised date with Tinker in the Hoosier metropolis. But Tinker, being advised of this switch, decided not to travel that far to talk to Robbie, only to be told that the little matter of \$10,000 was up to Ebbets.

JACK COOMBS LEAVES FOR HOME

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 22.—John W. Coombs, the Philadelphia Athletics' pitcher, who was unable to play with the team last season because of illness, left here last night for his home at West Kennelbunk, Me. He plans to pass the winter on his farm and expects to join the Athletics in Philadelphia about June. He will not accompany the team on the spring training trip.

"I have been cautioned to take my time this winter," said Coombs before leaving, "and you can wager that I will. I am gaining weight rapidly and feel fine, now that I can walk and run a little. As a result of my illness I am one-sixth of an inch shorter, but I am ten times the man I was six months ago."

Coombs' physician said there was no reason why Coombs should not be as good a pitcher next year as he ever was.

WANT PLAYER—SCRIBES BARRED

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 22.—Harvard's varsity football players will be asked to refrain from writing signed articles for the newspapers next season. Announcement to this effect will be made next fall by Captain Brickley, or by some one else in authority. For some time many of Harvard's football leaders have favored just such a step, and a meeting was held recently at which the question was thoroughly discussed. Captain Brickley and "Tack" Hardwick already have been approached with offers of \$100 per game for expert reviews next fall.

BRITISH BOXER KILLED IN RING

London, Dec. 22.—Jimmy Burrows, the lightweight boxer, died last night after a bout with George Freeman at the Judean Athletic club. In the sixth round Burrows was pressing Freeman, when he suddenly collapsed and fell. Efforts to revive him failed and he was removed to a hospital in an unconscious condition. He died without regaining his senses.

KILBANE EAGER TO KNOCK OUT ATTELL

Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.—When Featherweight Champion Johnny Kilbane starts training for his twenty-round bout with Abe Attell, slated for San Francisco February 22, he will use the heavy bag more than ever before, for he means to train for hard hitting, especially with a view to winning a decisive victory over the ex-champion. He is determined to stop Abe within the limit.

There is no question about Kilbane's all-around improvement since his last session with Attell. He is stronger, and has much more confidence in himself. He realizes that he can hit hard

when the occasion demands it, and, being familiar with Abe's style and general ability, he knows that he has nothing to fear in the coming contest. This does not mean that Johnny will sacrifice his speed for hitting power, nor will he take any foolish chances. He knows Attell is a crafty general, dangerous at every stage of battle. He outboxed the former champion before and can do it again, and he means to send full steam into his blows in the coming bout.

PERCENTE TO BOX KID MORAN

Madison, Wis., Dec. 22.—Kid Moran of Los Angeles, Cal., has been matched to box Joe Percente, Madison Italian fighter, on New Year's afternoon. Percente recently challenged any Wisconsin boxer to meet him at 133 to 135 pounds for the light heavyweight championship of the state. This is not the old Milwaukee Joe Percente.

ATHLETICS TO PENN U. NINE

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 22.—Connie Mack of the American league baseball club announced today that he had arranged to play two games with the University of Pennsylvania team next spring. The games will be played at Shibe Park, March 30 and 31.

GRAVATH SAYS HE'LL JUMP TO FEDERALS

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—Just how determined the people back of the Federal league are to break through the ranks of "organized" baseball may be judged from the fact that they are trying to secure the services of "Cactus" Gravath, star player of the Phillies, and the leading slugger for 1913 of the National league.

In a letter written at his winter home at Laguna Beach, Gravath tells of the situation in the following paragraph: "The Federal league has made me a swell offer for next season, and unless the Philadelphia management 'comes through' strong I am going over to the Feds."

BADGER CREWS SET RECORD

Madison, Wis., Jan. 22.—Crews of the University of Wisconsin broke all rowing records at this institution this week, when they completed 230 miles of rowing for the fall season. This is eighty miles more than was rowed in any other fall, and is sixteen days later in the season than at any other time. Coach Vall plans to continue the work when the men return on January 5 if the lake is not frozen over.

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